

ORDINANCE NO. ____-____
CITY OF PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI AMENDING
CHAPTER 70, SECTION 70-15 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING
ADMINISTRATIVE CLEANING OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES**

WHEREAS, Chapter 70, Section 70-15, of the Pascagoula Code of Ordinances establishes regulations regarding the unsightly, unsanitary, and unsafe conditions on land; and

WHEREAS, certain revisions to Chapter 70, Section 70-15, are needed to provide for the efficient cleaning of property which is determined to be a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi Code Section 21-19-11 grants municipalities authority to authorize municipal employees to determine whether property or a parcel of land is in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community where such property or parcel of land is one (1) acre or less and the cost of cleaning does not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00); and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Pascagoula desires to authorize municipal employees to determine whether property or a parcel of land is in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community where such property or parcel of land is one (1) acre or less and the cost of cleaning does not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00); and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Pascagoula hereby amends Chapter 70, Section 70-15, of the Code of Ordinances, as set forth herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF PASCAGOULA AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. Chapter 70, Section 70-15, of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended

to read as follows:

- (a) It shall be unlawful to maintain on a parcel of land within the city an excessive and untended growth of weeds, grass, underbrush, or other similar plant life; stagnant water; litter; uncontainerized refuse, rubble, rubbish, debris, used rubber tires, scrap building material, or scrap metal; dilapidated fences; dilapidated buildings; dilapidated structures; remains of burned or otherwise damaged buildings or structures; dilapidated vehicles, motor vehicles, equipment, machinery, household appliances, furniture, boats, mobile homes or parts thereof; or similar unsightly, unsanitary, or unsafe conditions.
- (b) The City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to declare a property or parcel of land a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the community pursuant to Mississippi Code Section 21-19-11 where said property or parcel of land is less than one (1) acre and the cost of cleaning does not exceed Two Hundred Fifth Dollars (\$250.00), excluding administrative costs.
- (c) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to abrogate or impair the power of the City to enforce any provisions of its other ordinances or regulations, nor to prevent or punish for violations thereof; and the powers conferred by this Section shall be in addition and supplemental to the powers now or hereafter held by the City.

SECTION 2. The amendments to this Chapter shall become effective as provided by law.

The above Ordinance was introduced in writing by Mayor Willis, seconded for adoption by Councilman _____, and received the following vote: Mayor Willis voted “___”, Councilman ___ voted “___”, Councilman ___ voted “___”, Councilman ___ voted “___”, Councilman ___ “___”, Councilman ___ voted “___”, and Councilman ___ voted “___”.

Passed this the __ day of _____ 2023.

APPROVED:

/s/
Jay Willis, Mayor

/s/
Karen Kennedy, City Clerk